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Re: Philip Morris Incorporated
German Patent Appln. P 16 92 932.1
Our File: 532-509A W. Germany

Dear Sirs:

Please instruct the Examiner to conduct a patentability examination of the subject application.

We would suggest introducing into the German case the following claim which ~~is the claim of the corresponding~~ United States case ~~revised~~ to conform with the German practice:

process for producing a

A burnable sheet which (A) may be used as a tobacco substitute ~~characterized by~~ containing substantially no tobacco ~~and comprising~~ from 5.0 to 95.0% by weight of a film-forming ingredient comprising a pectinaceous material ~~derived from tobacco plant parts and~~ having an acid value in excess of 30 milligrams of KOH per gram and from 5.0 to 90.0% by weight of a mineral ingredient selected from the group comprising an alkali metal salt and alkaline earth metal salt or a clay, and casting said film-forming ingredient as a sheet.

comprising

~~While~~ we are not requesting a revision of the specification, in view of our suggestion to introduce the new claim set forth above,

in duplicate. BY.....

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WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A tobacco substitute comprising from 5 to 95% by weight of a film-forming ingredient comprising an acid gum having an acid value in excess of 30 milligrams of KOH per gram of gum and from 5 to 90% by weight of a mineral ingredient.

2. The composition of claim 1, wherein the film-forming ingredient is a pectinaceous material.

3. The composition of claim 1, wherein the film-forming ingredient is a pectinaceous material comprising the following ingredients:

~~(1) a tobacco product formed by the reaction~~ ~~of~~ tobacco plant parts containing pectins having alkaline earth metal cross-links ~~which have been treated by the steps which include~~:

~~(a)~~ contacting ~~said~~ tobacco plant parts with a treating solution containing a reagent to destroy ~~the~~ alkaline earth metal cross-links in the tobacco pectins,

~~(b)~~ at least partially releasing the resulting tobacco pectins from the interstices of the treated tobacco plant parts,

~~(c) depositing said tobacco pectins on the treated plant parts~~, and

~~(d) recovering the resulting~~ mixture.

4. ~~The composition of~~ claim 1 wherein the film-forming ingredient ~~is an alginic~~ material.

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